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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Saudi Arabia has no place among the members of the Human Rights Council after the massacre of mass executions

Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture & The Moroccan Coalition of the Human Rights Bodies wishes you all the best in your tasks.

The Saudi kingdom stresses more suppression and murder on human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the collapse of dignity and equality and social justice, and accommodates both horizontally and vertically siege, and applies more prosecutions and trials on human rights activists and journalists and democrats and supporters of freedom of expression. The kingdom descends its grave violations to be like countries hostile to the right to life through the issuance of dozens of executions each year.

Saudi Arabia, at the beginning of the New Year, celebrates the execution of forty seven people and gives the international public opinion death, blood and corpses, claiming the privacy and internal law and death Shari'a (law).
Saudi Arabia today by this unprecedented massacre, committed real genocide fall under the punishment of international law and the Statute of the International Criminal Court, and at the same time this behavior reflects the challenge and contempt for the conscience of humanity and international law of human rights and the values of ethics, which has been and continues to assert that the death penalty is a murder under the umbrella of law and a kind of torture and serious harm to physical integrity and a violation of the sacred right to life.

It is a shame that Saudi Arabia has a seat in the Human Rights Council and sits among its members and to continue this honor till now, which is known to the world as the country of fierce repression and systematic violations of human rights through the sword and the gallows penalty. Moreover, ethics do not allow those who tried the practice of States and their behavior towards the blatant violation of human rights in this Council to commit all its ugliness and arrogance in spite of Justice and right values and despite the charters and covenants, massacre of mass execution and remains away from all the accountability and have the council's membership.

We seek your help, because we believe that the credibility and strength of the Human Rights Council does not only rooted in awareness and humanitarian conscience, but also in the performance of its noble and core mission namely to promote and protect human rights in all parts of the world as planned in the documents of its foundation. These tasks will never be realized if Saudi Arabia and other countries that commit in human rights violations and general oppression of women and freedom of expression and of the press and opinion and the attack of the right to life, death and murder in particular, is a member of the Council, and even monitors the policies of countries in the framework of the universal periodic review, and issue recommendations and seeks to appear as an international actor for the prosperity and development of human rights in the world.

By choosing to apply mass executions on forty seven people, we consider that Saudi Arabia give up on the rules of the Code of Conduct for members and selected bias and stick to privacy instead of commitment to the universality of human rights as established in the same document and in the criteria for membership of the Council.

We call upon you and all advocators for the universal values of human rights, and members of the Council, the expulsion of Saudi Arabia from the membership of the Human Rights Council before the end of the period of its official mandate, to return the prestige of your organization and to keep the value of its existence, meaning and objectives.
It is our right to consider the continuation of Saudi Arabia within the ratio of its members of the Council as an affront to human rights defenders in the world which is not accepted and justified, whatever the reasons.

We call upon the council to assign one of the special rapporteurs or a team work involved in the promotion of human rights in the context of the fight against terrorism or the protection of human rights defenders and freedom of expression and opinion, or those concerned with the abolition of the death penalty to investigate the process of brutal killings and mass death committed by Saudi Arabia on the name of retribution and to submit a report to the General Assembly to take a political sanctions to deter grave violations committed by Saudi Arabia and to examine the ways of demanding

the Security Council to establish a special court to pursue and prosecute those responsible for this criminal act which is considered as a crime against humanity.

Finally, we call upon all national bodies and international human rights organizations concerned with anti-death penalty and the pioneers of thought and freedom and democratic forces around the world to take actions and put pressure on all mass media and at all levels to expel the Saudi Arabia of the Human Rights Council to erase the shame from this UN body and maintain the credibility of the human rights struggle and the nobility of values that sacrifice for her combating death penalty.